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The first stop on a bicycle ride around the world to share free educational resources will be Georgia Southern University. [Interaction Design Foundation's \(IDF\)](#) "Share the Knowledge Tour" with Max Peer will pedal onto campus at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) on Wednesday, May 22 at 2 p.m. University students, faculty and staff and community members are invited to be there to cheer his arrival.

"Over the next four years, I will travel 35,000 miles by bike and canoe to visit major universities around the world to promote free educational materials with the generous support of SAP," explained Peer, the IDF bicyclist. "We want everyone to have access to top-grade educational materials we have developed in partnership with authors and thought leaders from academia and corporations around the globe."

While at the RAC, Peer will tell his story and explain why he is traveling the world promoting free innovative learning resources available through IDF and Open SAP. Students can sign up for IDF memberships and enroll in free MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses).

"We freely publish text, videos, images and one of the world's largest wikis that is a significant resource for any student," said Rikki Friis Dam, co-founder of IDF. "We are thankful for the opportunity to work closely with Georgia Southern and to help its students save money on their education by providing topical and informative content developed in partnership with some of the brightest minds in the world."

Georgia Southern's Department of Information Systems is an active member in the [SAP University Alliances](#) program, and has emerged as a leading location for ERP (Enterprise Resources Planning) education in the U.S. SAP software is used to reinforce business computing concepts in more than 15 undergraduate and graduate programs.

"Students who attend will be able to sign up for free access to a huge volume of software tools, tutorials, textbooks and courses available through IDF," said Tom Case, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Information Systems. "Students in any STEM-oriented program will find value in these resources. Attendees will also gain new perspective on sustainability and on steps being taken by the IDF and SAP to promote socially responsible technological evolution."

About SAP

SAP is at the center of today's technology revolution, developing innovations that not only help businesses run like never before, but also improving the lives of people everywhere. As the market leader in enterprise application software, SAP helps companies of all sizes and industries run better. From back office to boardroom, warehouse to storefront, desktop to mobile device – SAP empowers people and organizations to work together more efficiently and use business insight more effectively to stay ahead of the competition. SAP applications and services enable more than 238,000 customers to operate profitably, adapt continuously and grow sustainably.

About SAP University Alliances

The key mission for SAP University Alliances is to build the talent needed in the SAP Ecosystem and be the channel for innovation into the SAP Ecosystem. In fulfilling its goal of educating future corporate leaders, SAP University Alliances provides connections between students, customers, partners and SAP experts. SAP donates licenses to more than 1,300 University Alliances member institutions and fully outfits their professors with software and curriculum that provide students with hands-on experience with SAP applications, analytics, mobile, database and technology, cloud and SAP HANA solutions.

About Interaction Design Foundation

IDF is a ten-year-old transformative non-profit enterprise focused on educating, informing and stimulating the global technology design community. The organization has created a powerful cloud-based publishing model, blending free courses with an immersive website for thought leaders, students, authors, academia, design professionals, futurists and even tech-challenged consumers. The Denmark-based foundation has been self-funded throughout its ten years in existence, but is now sponsored by SAP Corporation and partly funded by professionals who become supporting Foundation Members, Corporate Sponsorships and Grants.

About Georgia Southern

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 120 degree programs serving more than 20,500 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered approach to education. Visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu.

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